

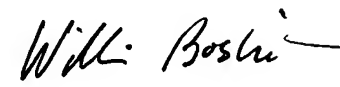
REMARKS

Upon entry of the present paper, the specification will have been amended, and the markings of claims 14 and 23 will have been modified solely to conform such claim markings to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173 (*i.e.*, to show all existing claim language in underlining, since these two claims were not listed in the original patent). Thus, these claims have not been amended herein, but rather the limitations of these claims are identical to those submitted in the Amendment filed on August 2, 2005. Claims 1-31 remain pending. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims pending in the present application. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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